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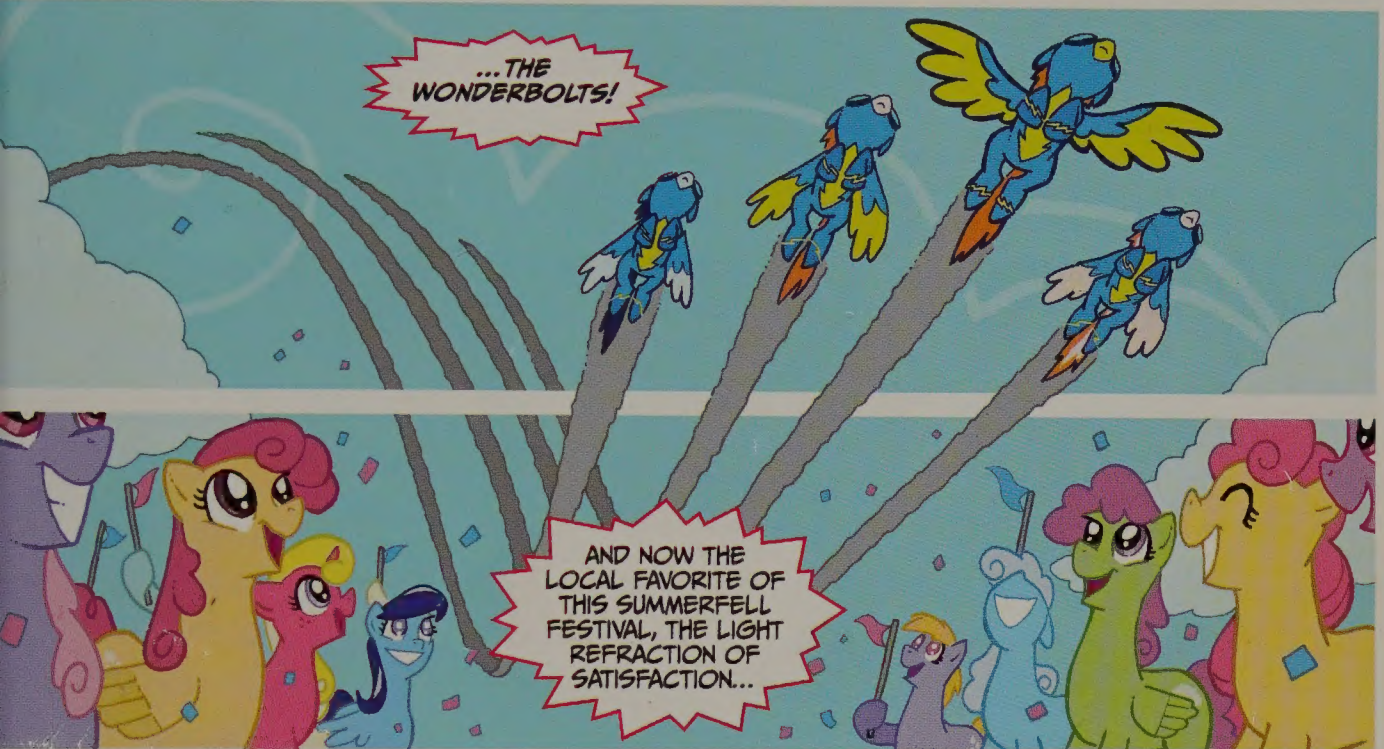
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C'MON NOW, PONY, LET'S GIVE THE CROWD SOMETHING TO REALLY CHEER. LET'S MAKE IT...



AW, YEAH! THIS IS AWESOME! AWWW...



...NO. SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED IT. MY WINGS... I'M OUT OF CONTROL AND I CAN'T AVOID THAT BIG...



...NASTY CLOUD AND...



...



GASP

OKAY, DASH, DON'T GET SCARED. IT'S JUST A DARK CREEPY CLOUD YOU'RE STUCK IN WHILE YOUR WINGS ARE ON THE FRITZ. NOTHING TO FREAK OUT ABOUT AT ALL...



LITTLE HELP?!



HELP? WHY WOULD YOU NEED HELP? WHY DON'T YOU JUST FLY AWAY?

I... I WAS GOING TOO FAST. MY WINGS WON'T LIFT ME.

HOW SAD. DOES THAT MAKE YOU SAD?

NOT AS SAD AS THE FACT I'M TALKING TO A CLOUD FOR PONY'S SAKE BUT, YEAH, IT MAKES ME SAD.



EXCELLENT.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PEGASUS WHO CAN'T FLY?

A NEW FRIEND WHO YOU SHOULD BE NICE TO...?

A SITTING TARGET.



SCHL-POP

HEY! NOT COOL! PLAY NICE, YOU ANONYMOUS MEANIES!



WHAT DO YOU CALL A SCARED PONY IN THE DARK?



A NIGHTMARE!

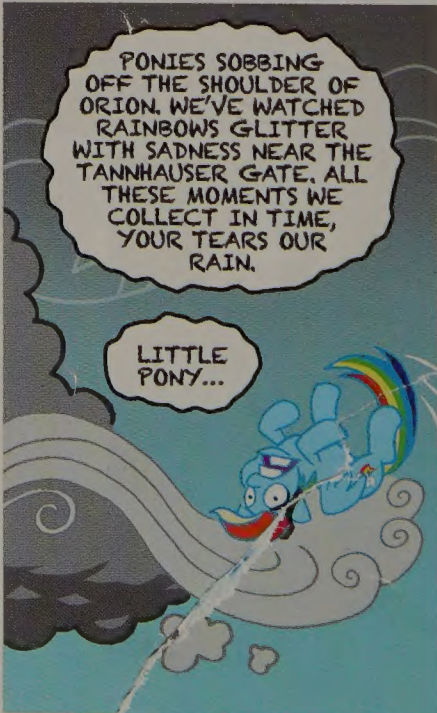


WHAT DO YOU WANT?

TO RAIN ON YOUR PARADE, LITTLE PONY. RUN AND NEVER COME BACK. WE'RE HERE FOR YOUR TEARS AND YOUR BROKEN LITTLE HEART.



WE'LL DRINK UP YOUR SORROW AND FEAST ON YOUR FEAR. WE'VE SWUM IN SADNESS YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.



PONIES SOBBING OFF THE SHOULDER OF ORION. WE'VE WATCHED RAINBOWS GLITTER WITH SADNESS NEAR THE TANNHAUSER GATE. ALL THESE MOMENTS WE COLLECT IN TIME, YOUR TEARS OUR RAIN.

LITTLE PONY...



...TIME TO CRY.



IT'S OKAY, WE'VE GOT YOU. YOU WERE GONE FOR A WHILE, THEY GOT SNOW CONES IN THAT STORM?

NO, SOMETHING COLDER.

WHAT HAPPENED UP THERE, RAINBOW?

I WENT TOO FAST... LOST CONTROL... MY WINGS WON'T—

THAT STORM IS FULL OF DANGER.

DANGEROUS LIKE EATING A SANDAL OR DANGEROUS LIKE SPLITTING YOUR INFINITIVES?

ER...

PNN BREAKING NEWS

DANGEROUS LIKE I'M GOING TO PONY UP, RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? YOUR PATENTED, THOUGH STRANGELY STILL TRADEMARK PENDING, **SONIC RAINBOOM** DIDN'T DO MUCH AND YOUR WINGS LOOK LIKE LINGUINI RIGHT NOW.

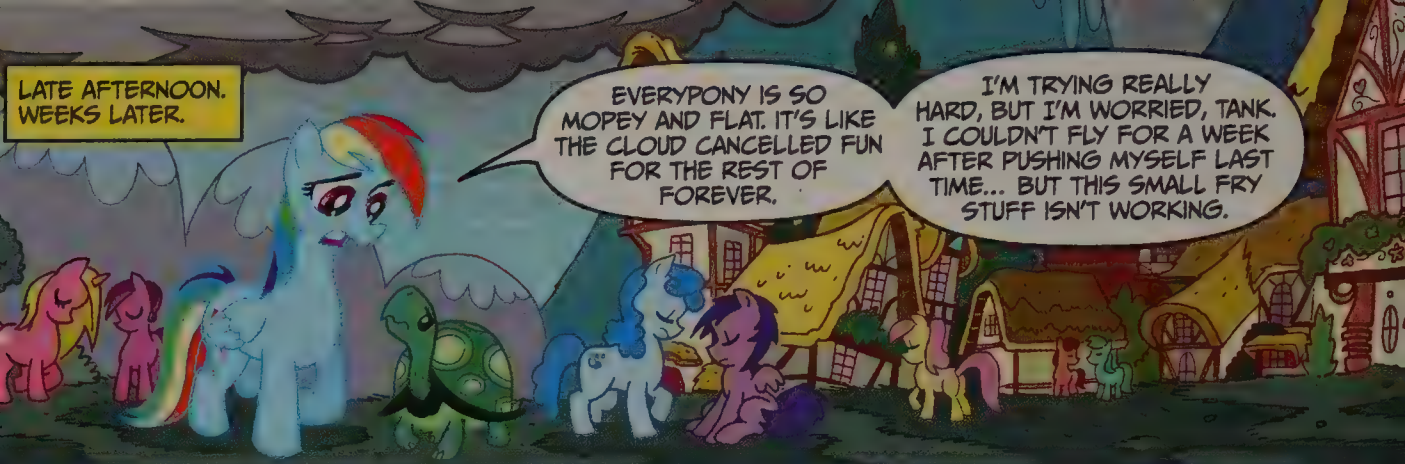
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T? THE CLOUD IS UP THERE AND YOU'RE DOWN HERE.

I'LL GET BACK UP THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED...

...BUT I'M PRETTY AWESOME. I'M "PONY NEWMAN'S HICKORY-INFUSED AWESOMESAUCE."TM

LEAVE THIS TO ME, I'LL HAVE THIS CLOUD CRYING "UNCLE" BY MORNING.



LATE AFTERNOON.
WEEKS LATER.

EVERYPONY IS SO
MOPEY AND FLAT. IT'S LIKE
THE CLOUD CANCELLED FUN
FOR THE REST OF
FOREVER.

I'M TRYING REALLY
HARD, BUT I'M WORRIED, TANK.
I COULDN'T FLY FOR A WEEK
AFTER PUSHING MYSELF LAST
TIME... BUT THIS SMALL FRY
STUFF ISN'T WORKING.



SUMMER BREEZE!

DENIED.



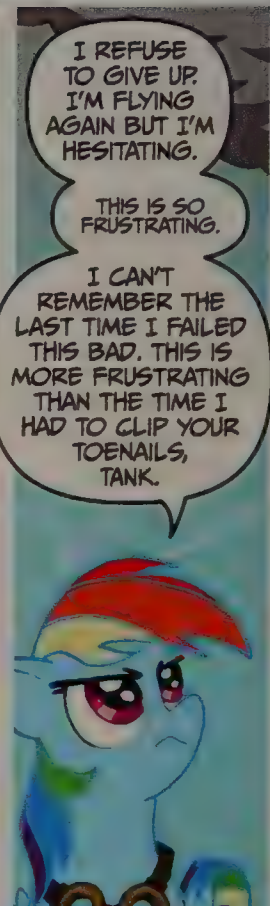
THE INNER SHINE!

DULLED.



FORTRESS OF
THE FANTASTIC!

DON'T TELL RAINBOW
BUT THIS ONE WON'T
WORK, EITHER.



I REFUSE
TO GIVE UP.
I'M FLYING
AGAIN BUT I'M
HESITATING.

THIS IS SO
FRUSTRATING.

I CAN'T
REMEMBER THE
LAST TIME I FAILED
THIS BAD. THIS IS
MORE FRUSTRATING
THAN THE TIME I
HAD TO CLIP YOUR
TOENAILS,
TANK.

WHAT FOOLS
THESE PONIES
BE.



AH, ANOTHER FINE
MORN TO BASK IN THE
HAUNTING GLOW OF
THE RUINATION AND
MELANCHOLY OF THESE
POOR EQUINE
FOOLS.

LOOKS LIKE
THE PESKY ONE IS
TRYING SOMETHING
ELSE TODAY.

SHE WILL NOT
GIVE UP, PERFECT.
WE DON'T EVEN NEED
TO ASK, THEY SIMPLY
HAND OVER THEIR
WORST FEELINGS.

WHAT FOOLS
THESE PONIES
BE.

AFTER THE FALL OF
THE FORTRESS OF
THE FANTASTIC.

YOU STUPID CLOUD,
WHY DON'T YOU JUST
SHOO ON AWAY BACK
WHERE YOU'RE WANTED?
WHICH IS PROBABLY
NOWHERE.



HOW BAD IS IT,
APPLEJACK?

BAD
ENOUGH
I'M THINKING OF
PLANTING KIWIS
JUST TO GET A
CROP. MY GRANNY
SMITH WOULD
TURN HER SHINY
GREEN CHEEK
ON ME.



I'M
SORRY.



DON'T BE,
THIS ISN'T YOUR
FAULT.

WELL, MAYBE
NOT MY FAULT LIKE
WHEN I LOST YOUR
BEST SADDLE—

YOU WHAT?

—BUT
NONETHELESS
THIS TIME I FEEL
RESPONSIBLE.



MY WINGS ARE
STILL SO TIRED AND
NOTHING I'VE TRIED
HAS WORKED. I FEEL
LIKE THE WORST
FRIEND ALIVE.

DON'T
FEEL THAT
WAY, RAINBOW,
I'M SURE—

NO, THAT'S
IT, YOU'VE
CONVINCED
ME...

NO, I WASN'T
TRYING—



...I'M
GOING TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
TODAY.



LISTEN UP, YOU
BIG DUMB CLOUD!
I'M COMING
FOR YOU...





THE TORAINDO.

EPIC.



TUNK!



FALL

FALL





WE ENTER DAY 28 OF CLOUDGATE. YOUNG FILLY, HOW IS THE CLOUD RUINING YOUR LIFE?

EVER SINCE THE CLOUD ARRIVED, EVERYONE'S BEEN DOWN. IT'S LIKE EVERYPONY FORGOT HOW TO BE HAPPY ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

IS THIS CLOUD THE WORST THING TO EVER HAPPEN TO THIS VALLEY?

ABSOLUTELY! I'M PRETTY SURE IT STOLE MY SOCKS OUT OF THE LAUNDRY BASKET. IF A PIG CAN'T LOOK UP THEN DOES IT KNOW WHY WE'RE ALL SAD? I'M COLD—

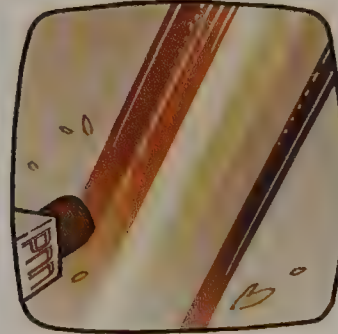


THIS CLOUD MUST BE AFFECTING YOU THE WORST.

NO, I ACTUALLY KIND OF HEART IT. IT'S TOTES CUTEY.

FIRST TIME RAINBOW FACED THE CLOUD SHE DIDN'T FLY AGAIN FOR A WEEK. SHE'S NOW PULLING HER PUNCHES LIKE A BLOOD SIMPLE PUGILIST ON A LAST NIGHT OF WATERED DOWN GLORY IN THE RING.

SHE'S NOT GONE FASTER THAN A TROT IN SOME TIME WHILE EVERYPONY ELSE GALLOPS INTO FULL BLOWN INESCAPABLE DEPRESSION.

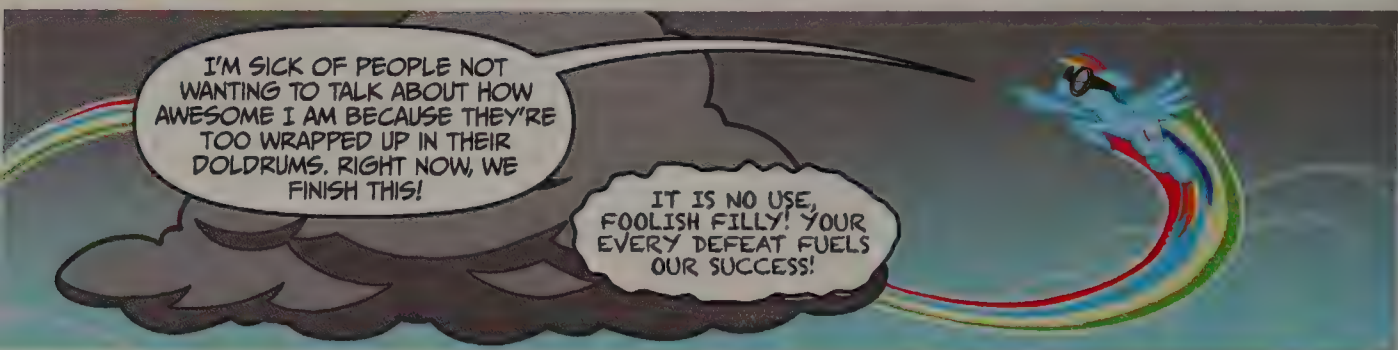
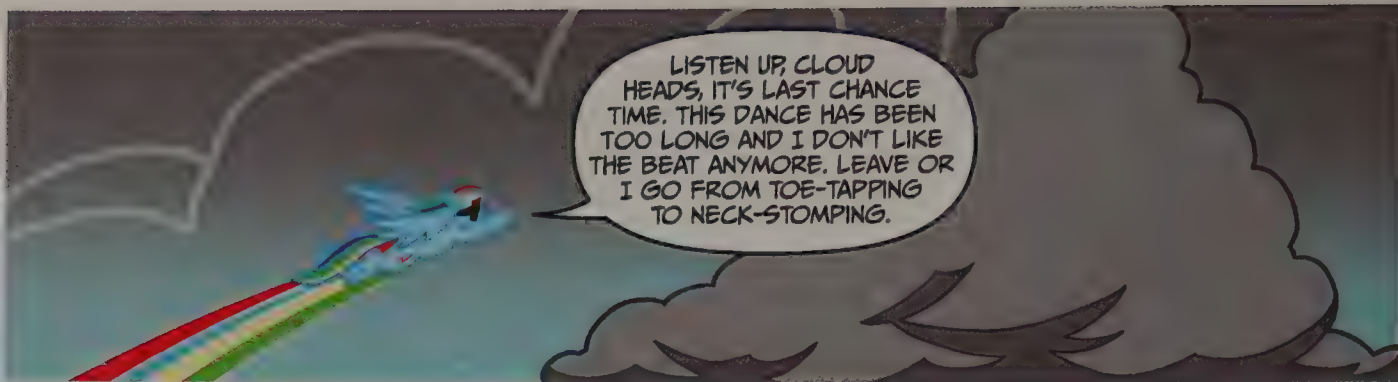


THIS IS RAINBOW DASH'S PROBLEM, AND NOW IS IT HER FAULT? SHE SAID SHE COULD SORT IT OUT BUT HAS SHE DONE ENOUGH? DO YOU FEEL SHE'S TRIED EVERYTHING?

I HAVEN'T TRIED EVERYTHING.

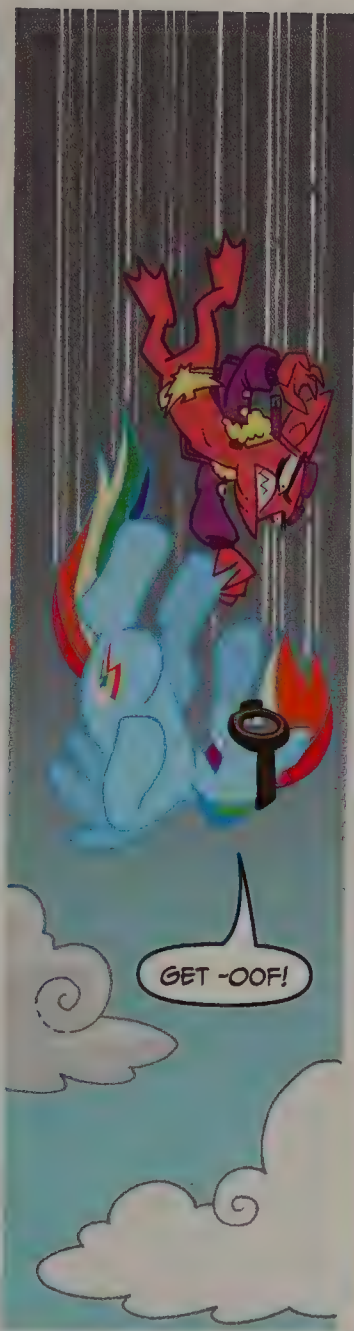
NOT EVERYTHING...

...NOT YET.

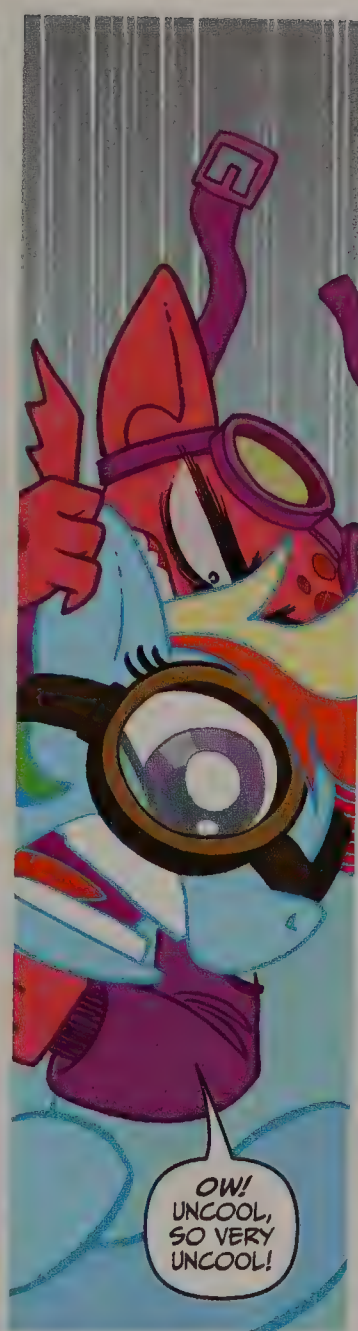




HEY! TAKE
YOUR STINKING
CLAWS OFF ME,
YOU DARN DIRTY
GREMLIN!



GET -OOF!



OW!
UNCOOL,
SO VERY
UNCOOL!



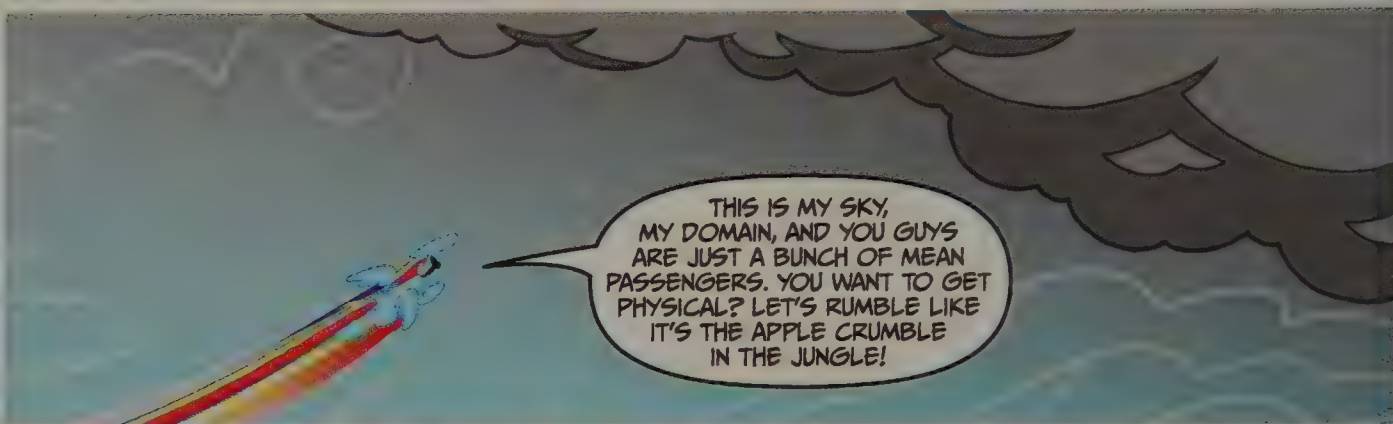
DO. NOT.
MESS. WITH.
US.



AND DON'T GO
TOO FAST, WEAK LITTLE
PONY, WE WOULDN'T WANT
YOU TO RUFFLE THOSE
WINGS AGAIN AND
HAVE AN OUCHY.



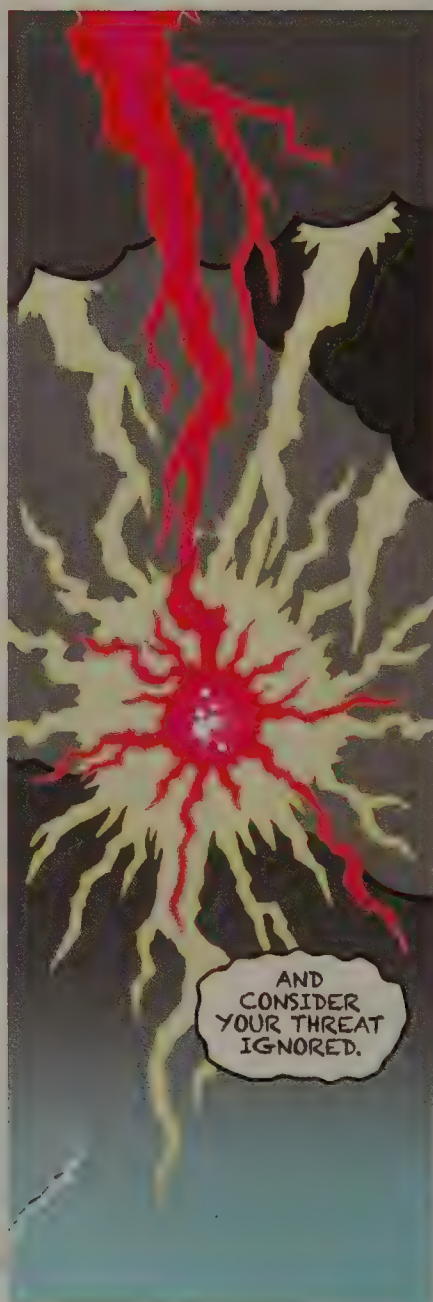
UN. COOL.



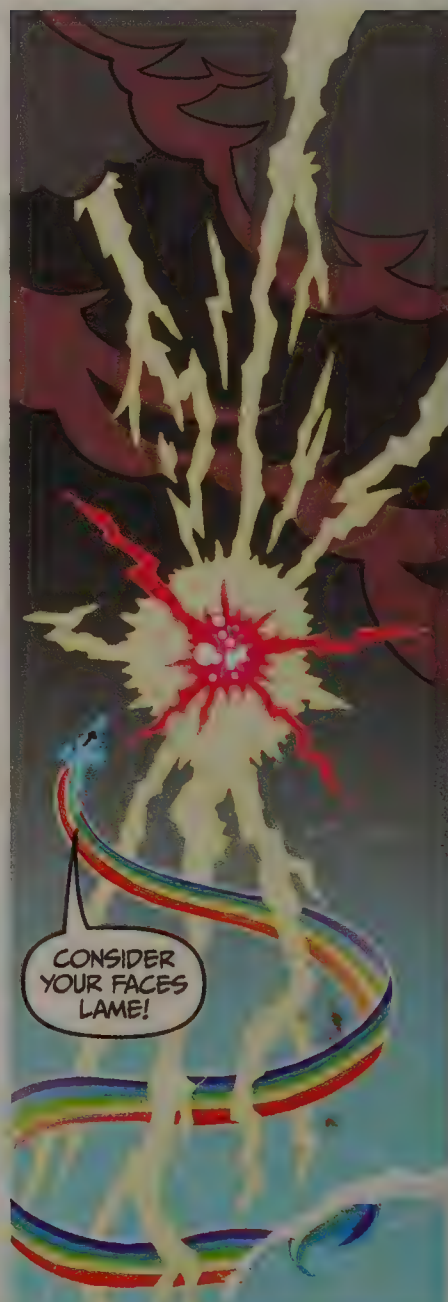
THIS IS MY SKY,
MY DOMAIN, AND YOU GUYS
ARE JUST A BUNCH OF MEAN
PASSENGERS. YOU WANT TO GET
PHYSICAL? LET'S RUMBLE LIKE
IT'S THE APPLE CRUMBLE
IN THE JUNGLE!



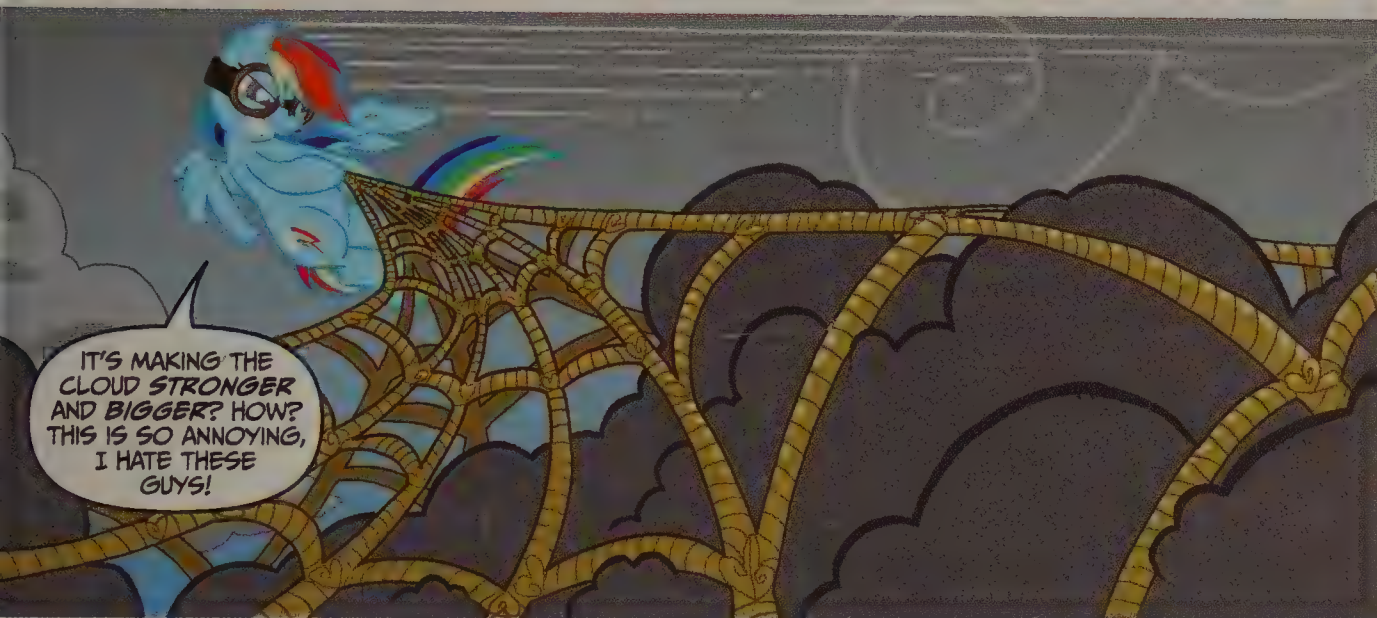
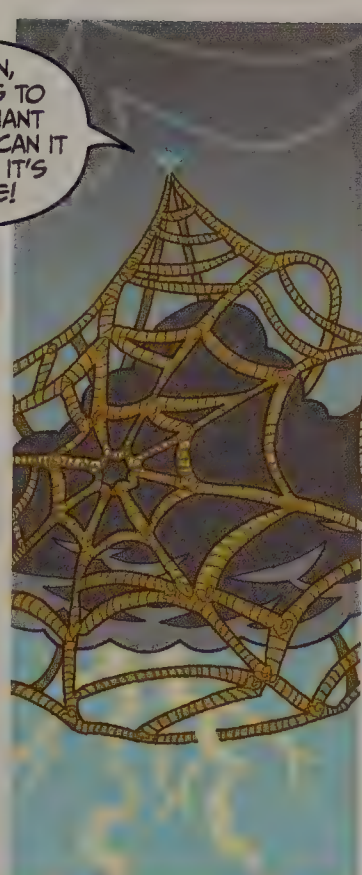
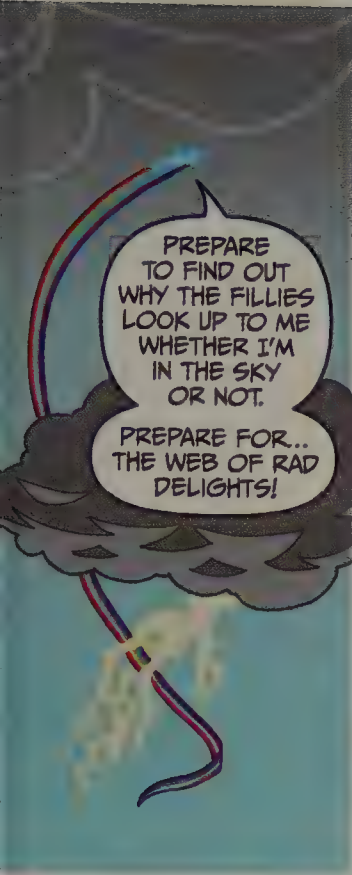
YOUR
FRUSTRATION
IS DELICIOUS.
THANK YOU.



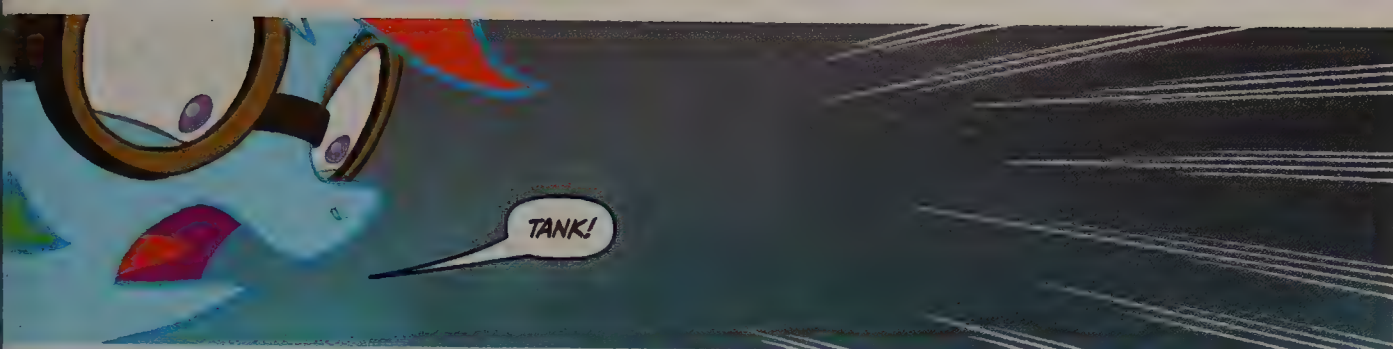
AND
CONSIDER
YOUR THREAT
IGNORED.

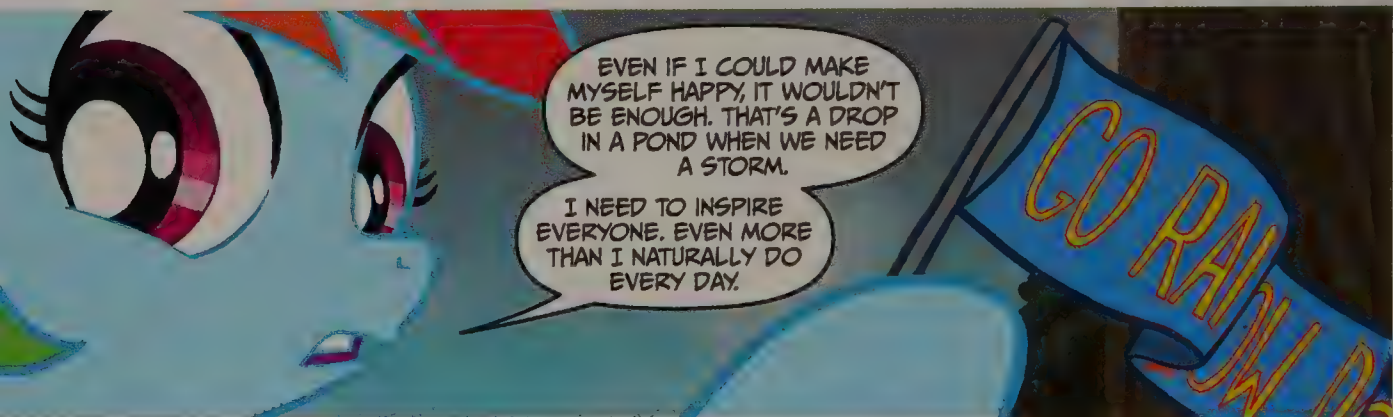


CONSIDER
YOUR FACES
LAME!











"...I MAY NEVER FLY AGAIN."



SHE'S NEVER GOING TO GIVE UP.

I KNOW, IT'S PERFECT. I COULD DEVOUR HER HATRED FOR YEARS.



THIS AGAIN? IT DIDN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME, WHY WOULD WE WORRY NOW?

POOR PONY IS GOING TO BE VERY SAD WHEN SHE FAILS, AGAIN.

AHAHAHAHA!

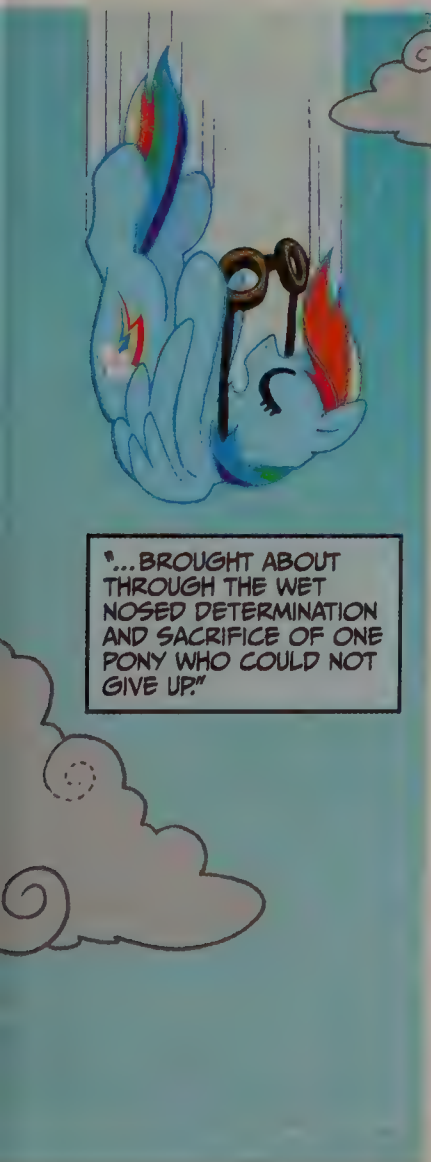


THIS IS EVERYTHING I'VE GOT AND I NEVER SHOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU ANYTHING LESS.

TELL TANK TO POLISH MY TROPHIES EVERY YEAR ON MY BIRTHDAY AND NEVER FORGET ME.

NEVER... FORGET...







GET OUT OF
BED, YOU ORNERY
GALOOT!

DO NOT
DISTURB!



WHY?

BECAUSE I
BROUGHT YOU A
PRESENT!

SIZE 9, RIGHT? I
FIGURED WITH YOU OUT
OF THE SKIES YOU SHOULD
FINALLY OWN SOME
COMFY SHOES.

THAT'S NOT
AS FUNNY AS
YOU THINK
IT IS.

YOU'RE
RIGHT...



IT'S
FUNNIER!



I HAVEN'T FLOWN
IN TWO MONTHS AND
YOU'RE MAKING JOKES?
TOO SOON, AJ, TOO
SOON!

THIS ISN'T
LIKE THE TIME
YOU LOST MY
SADDLE—

I THOUGHT
YOU—

—THIS IS
SERIOUS EMOTIONAL
BUSINESS.



YOU'RE RIGHT,
I'M SORRY, WILL
YOU STILL COME
FOR A WALK
WITH ME?



SCOWL!



NO, I'M SERIOUS.
BOOT UP, PONY—WE
NEED TO RIDE.



WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S OUR LATEST ADVENTURE!

I'M NOT EATING MY BODY WEIGHT IN YOUR APPLES AGAIN, AJ, I WOULDN'T CALL THE EFFECTS FROM THE LAST TIME AN ADVENTU—



NO, SILLY, THESE AREN'T FOR US. WE'RE GOING TO DELIVER THEM.

TO WHOM?

TO EVERYONE.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK EVERYONE'S GOING TO...



...WANT...

I USED APPLES FROM THE CROP YOU SAVED. WE'VE GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL ON OUR HOOVES.



THIS IS DELICIOUS! A PONY COULD FORGET ABOUT FLYING AGAIN IF THESE WERE ON THE GROUND.



I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKED, BUT THESE APPLES ARE SOMETHING ELSE, RAINBOW. LITTLE SURPRISE WHEN THEY CAME FROM YOUR VERY BEST.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



CATCH!



EASY, NEXT?

BRING IT BACK DOWN HERE.

DOWN...?



I'M FLYING,
I'M FLYING!

YOU'RE ALSO
EXTREMELY
OBSERVANT.

YOU USED ALL
YOUR HAPPINESS, I
THOUGHT I'D BRING A
LITTLE BACK FOR YOU.
I KNEW IT WOULD
WORK.

WHAT IF IT
DIDN'T?

WELL,
IT DID...

APPLE ODYSSEY



...AND NOW YOU
OWE ME. YOU CAN
START BY FLYING US
AROUND FOR A WHILE, I
FEEL LIKE THE WIND
IN MY MANE.

WHATEVER
MAKES YOU HAPPY,
AJ, WHATEVER
MAKES YOU
HAPPY!

END

my LITTLE PONYTM

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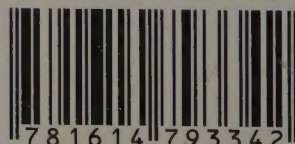
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